

Dear colleagues,

In the context of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a rare and complex disease, Türkiye has made significant progress, strengthened by the growing number of PAH volunteers brought together through an increasing number of educational meetings. We emphasize the term "volunteers" because this disease group poses substantial challenges in terms of diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

As the number of dedicated volunteers has increased, we've witnessed a rise in the number of PAH clinics. These centers have also made significant efforts to establish their own databases. Observing this upward trend in publications we, under the guidance of our esteemed editor, *Professor Dr. Dilek Ural*, have made the decision to launch this special focus issue on Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) within the Archives of the Turkish Society of Cardiology.

In this focus issue, you'll find six original articles, including *Akaslan et al.*'s presentation on "Bendopnea," a symptom of shortness of breath while bending forward, *Tokgoz et al.*'s article on another frequent symptom, "Hoarseness and LMCA compression in PH patients". *Musayev et al.* present the "Prognostic value of heart rate variability in patients with PH," while *Elçioğlu et al.* evaluate pulmonary artery pressure before non-cardiac surgery. *Çolak et al.*'s paper discusses the "TAPSE/sPAP ratio in patients with chronic thromboembolic PH." *Yağmur et al.* share insights into the "long-term natural course of patients with mPAP range 21–24 mmHg." Furthermore, *Sinan et al.* present the "impact of the new hemodynamic definition on the prevalence of pre-capillary PH."

This PH issue also presents six compelling case reports: *Arabacı et al.* share a young woman struggling with PH, *Kılıçkırın-Avcı et al.* present a PH case with high-output heart failure, and *Çolak et al.* discuss a pregnant case with "heritable PAH." *Aslanger et al.* share a case involving Cor Triatriatum. *Sekban et al.*'s case exemplifies the management of LMCA compression in Eisenmenger Syndrome, and finally, *Başarıcı and Onaç* present an unusual PH case due to an acquired arteriovenous fistula.

Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to dive deeper into the six-minute walk test with a review article by *Meriç et al.*

We hope that this focus issue captures your interest and encourages all PH centers to share their findings, contributing to Türkiye's global data sharing efforts. Our aspiration is for more publications, improved data collection practices, and the chance for all PH centers to present Turkish data globally.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all PAH clinics for their support and our dedicated reviewers for their valuable time and contributions.

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